

WINONA FIRE DEPARTMENT
RUN REPORT

Date 2-20-99 Time 2436 Engines Answering ENGINE #122

Address of Call (Street & No.) [REDACTED]

Outside of City Limits? Yes ☒ No. Alarm Received By E.O.C

Construction of Building FRAME Used As

Owner ARCHIE FLOWERS Address of Owner [REDACTED]

Occupant

Other Outdoor Fires () Vehicles. () Grass. (☒) Other DWELL

Owner of Vehicles

Make And Tag No. of Vehicles

Cause of Fire (if known) POSSIBLE STARTER FROM SPACE HEATER

How Extinguished WATER

Feet of Hose Line Used 1000' 2 1/2 600 1 1/2 Amount of Water Used 10,000 GAL.

Feet of Ladders Used 12' HOOK LADDERS Other Equipment Used

PIKE POLE & 3 AIR PACK PRYOR BAR

Alarm Where There Was No Fire; Explain

Loss To Building; Explain TOTAL LOST

Loss To Contents; Explain POSSIBLE TOTAL LOST

Loss To Vehicle; Explain

Remarks HEATS & WATER & WINDOW DAMAGE ON HOUSE ON W. SIDE

Working Time 6 HRS

Crew(s) On Duty Crew(s) Off Duty

HUFFMAN R. SEALS D. ROBINSON

BROWN J. SMITH J.

BLAYLOCK

Volunteers on Duty

R. THOMPSON C. HUFFMAN

C. ALLEN



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State Fire Marshal



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Fire Coordinator
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Jackson, Mississippi
FAX: (601) 359-1370

CASE REVIEW FORM

TO: MILLARD D. MACKEY
STATE CHIEF DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL

FROM:

Mike Dwyer
Asst. Chief Deputy

On 4-12-99 the following report _____

Archie Flowers 99-0109
(name and case no.)

of Deputy Fire Marshal Carl Payfield

was reviewed and the following were noted:

(✓) - NO DEFICIENCIES

() - DEFICIENCIES _____

A copy of the report has been resubmitted to Deputy _____
_____ for corrective action.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

File No.: 99-0109
Date Rec.: 3/13/99

Deputy State Fire Marshal: Carl Rayfield

Arrival at Scene: Date: 2/26/99 Time: 8:15am

REQUESTING AGENCY

County: Montgomery Date of Fire: 2/20/99 Time: 12:36am Department: Winona Fire Dept.
Address: 201 Applegate St., Winona, MS Telephone: (601)283-4271 (SO, FD, PD)
Requesting Officer: Booker Clay Fire Chief
Name Title

RIGHT OF ENTRY

☒ Consent to Search ☐ Search Warrant ☐ Entry Secured by Requesting Agent
Carl Rayfield DSFM 2/26/99 Archie Flowers [REDACTED]
Officer's Name and Title (Date, Time) (Authorized by: Name, Address and Phone No.)

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

Name of Owner: Archie Flowers Social Security No.: Unknown
Address: [REDACTED] Telephone Home: None
City / State: Winona, MS Work: None
Insurance Information: Local Agency: None City: [REDACTED]
Amount: Building: \$0.00 Contents: \$0.00
Company: [REDACTED]

Name of Occupant: Same as above Social Security No.: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Telephone Home: [REDACTED]
City / State: [REDACTED] Work: [REDACTED]
Insurance Information: Local Agency: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED]
Amount: Building: [REDACTED] Contents: [REDACTED]
Company: [REDACTED]

SUPPLEMENTS

Diagram ☒ Photo Log ☒ Lab Report ☐ Statement ☐ Supplement (FM-1A) ☒ Vehicle Fire (FM-1D) ☐

FIRE SCENE EXAMINATION

1. Date: 2/26/99 Time: 8:15am
2. Person(s) Present: Booker Clay, Fire Chief, Lola Flowers, and Charita Baskins (occupants).

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

3. Address of Fire: [REDACTED] Winona, MS City or Rural: METRO
- Type of Building: ☒ Dwelling ☐ Mobile Home ☐ Commercial Other: _____
- Construction: ☒ Wood ☐ Masonry ☐ Metal Other: _____
- Roofing: ☒ Shingle ☐ Asphalt ☐ Wood ☐ Metal Tar/Gravel Other: _____
- Number of Stories: 1 Number of Rooms: 19 Number of Baths: 4
- Foundations: ☐ Basement ☐ Concrete Slab ☒ Pier/ Beam ☐ Crawl Space
- Heating: ☐ Electric ☒ Natural Gas ☐ LP gas Other: _____
- Air Conditioning: ☒ Electric ☐ Natural Gas ☐ LP Gas Other: _____
- Electrical Service Connected During Fire: ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Estimated Value of Building: \$60,000.00 Estimated Value of Contents: \$30,000.00
- Estimated Damage to Property: \$90,000.00 Total Loss: Y
- Deaths: N If Y, List Name(s): _____
- Injuries: N If Y, List Name(s): _____
- Smoke Detector: Y

4. Fire Officer in Charge: (Name, Address and Telephone No.) / Observations:
Booker Clay, Winona Fire Department, 201 Applegate Street, Winona, MS(601)283-4271. The fire was in the rear southwest area of the home.

5. Discoverer of Fire: (Name, Address and Telephone No.) / Observations:
Charita Baskins, [REDACTED] Winona, MS (no phone). See Supplement.

6. Describe Fire Origin Location / (Patterns, Devices, Electrical Shorts, etc.):
The fire originated in the rear southwest bedroom/bathroom area of the home.

7. Was hydrocarbon used? ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, ☐ Positive ☐ Negative

8. Determine (Summary):

The owner of the home suspects that the fire may have originated near the southwest bathroom hot water heater; however, no conclusive evidence of this was established. No cause other than accidental was established. See Supplement.

SUPPLEMENT

ARCHIE FLOWERS - 99-0109

DISCOVERER OF FIRE:

The fire was discovered by one of the occupants, Ms. Charita Baskins. Ms. Baskins told this investigator that she heard a pop and saw smoke and fire in the area of the rear southwest bathroom. Ms. Baskins stated that her two children were in the rear southwest bedroom when the fire was discovered. All occupants escaped unharmed.

LOLA FLOWERS:

Mrs. Lola Flowers, wife of Archie Flowers, stated to Chief Clay, that she suspected that the hot water heater in the southwest bathroom may have started the fire. Chief Clay contacted this Investigator for assistance.

Mrs. Flowers stated to this investigator, that she had the house financed with the Bank of Winona. Mrs. Flowers stated

that she contacted Fidelity Insurance Company of Winona and that Fidelity Insurance Company informed her that her insurance, underwritten with Safeco, had elapsed for nonpayment. The policy number was ES7633246.

SCENE INVESTIGATION:

No cause other than accidental was established. The fire appears to have originated in the area of the southwest bedroom/bathroom of the dwelling. According to Mrs. Baskins, the children were in the rear southwest bedroom at the time of the fire.

The gas heater in the southwest bedroom was examined and appeared to be in the "on" position. A candle was located behind this heater, also. There was, also, heavy fire damage to the wall behind the heater.

The southwest bathroom was inspected. This room, also, sustained heavy fire damage. A gas space heater was located on the north side of the bathroom. It appears this heater was in the "off" position.

A gas hot water heater was located on the northeast side of the bathroom. All the fire damage appeared to be high on the heater. The controls were examined at the bottom of the hot water heater. The controls, as well as the bottom portion of the hot water heater, showed no signs of fire damage.

The parent, as well as the grandmother, stated that the children had no access to matches or a lighter. However, children playing with matches could not be entirely ruled out.

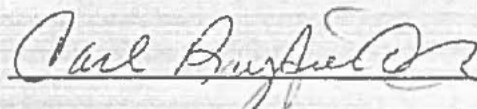
While the exact source of ignition could not be established, no cause other than accidental was found.

CR:ee

(Check One)

DISPOSITIONAccidental XIncendiary Closed? YAny Arrest? NUndetermined If Y, Date: 2/26/99If Y, How Many?

Signature of DFM:



Date:

3-13-99

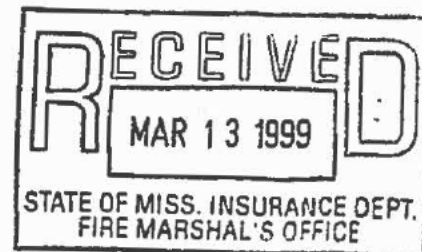
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

99-0109
File No: _____
Date Rec.: _____

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Deputy State Fire Marshal: Carl Rayfield

Arrival at Scene: Date: 2-26-99 Time: 8:15 AM



REQUESTING AGENCY

County: Montgomery Date of Fire: 2-20-99 Time: 12:36 AM
Department: _____ Address: 201 Applegate St. Winona Telephone: 283-4271
Requesting Officer: Booker Cline Fire Chief
Name Title

RIGHT OF ENTRY

☒ Consent to Search ☐ Search Warrant ☐ Entry Secured by Requesting Agent
Carl Rayfield DAFM 2-26-99 Archie Flowers WINONA NAPA
Officer's Name and Title (Date, Time) (Authorized by: Name, Address and Phone No.)

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

Name of Owner: ARCHIE FLOWERS Social Security No.: UNKNOWN
Address: _____ Telephone Home: NONE
City/State: WINONA, MS Work: NONE
Insurance Information: Local Agency: NONE City: NA
Amount: Building: NA Contents: NA
Company: NA

Name of Occupant: SAMP AS ABOVE Social Security No.: _____
Address: _____ Telephone Home: _____
City/State: _____ Work: _____
Insurance Information: Local Agency: _____ City: _____
Amount: Building: _____ Contents: _____
Company: _____

SUPPLEMENTS

Diagram ☒ Photo Log ☒ Lab Report ☐ Statement ☐ Supplement (FM-1A) ☐ Vehicle Fire (FM-1D) ☐

FIRE SCENE EXAMINATION

1. Date: 2-26-99Time: 8:15 AM2. Person(s) Present: BROOKER Clay (F.D.) LOLA FLOWERS + CHARITA BASKINS
(OCCUPANTS)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

3. Address of Fire: [REDACTED] WINDWA City or Rural: City

Type of Building: ☒ Dwelling ☐ Mobile Home ☐ Commercial Other: _____

Construction: ☒ Wood ☐ Masonry ☐ Metal Other: _____

Roofing: ☒ Shingle ☐ Asphalt ☐ Wood ☐ Metal ☐ Tar/Gravel Other: _____

Number of Stories: 1 Number of Rooms: 19 Number of Baths: 4

Foundations: ☐ Basement ☐ Concrete Slab ☒ Pier/ Beam ☐ Crawl Space

Heating: ☐ Electric ☒ Natural Gas ☐ LP gas Other: _____

Air Conditioning: ☒ Electric ☐ Natural Gas ☐ LP Gas Other: _____

Electrical Service Connected During Fire: YES (Blank means Unknown)

Estimated Value of Building: 60,000 Estimated Value of Contents: 30,000

Estimated Damage to Property: 90,000 Total Loss: YES

Deaths: NO If Y, List Name(s): _____

Injuries: NO If Y, List Name(s): _____

Smoke Detector: YES

4. Fire Officer in Charge: (Name, Address and Telephone No.) / Observations

BROOKER Clay WINDWA F.D. ADDLEGATE ST. WINDWA 285-4271
THE FIRE WAS IN THE REAR SOUTHWEST AREA OF THE HOME

5. Discoverer of Fire: (Name, Address and Telephone No.) / Observations

CHARITA BASKINS [REDACTED] WINDWA NO PHONE
SEE THE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENT.

6. Describe Fire Origin Location / (Patterns, Devices, Electrical Shorts, etc.)

THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE REAR SOUTHWEST
BEDROOM - BATHROOM AREA OF THE HOME.

7. Was hydrocarbon used? ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, ☐ Positive ☐ Negative

8. Determine (Summary):

THE OWNER OF THE HOME SUSPECTED THAT THE FIRE
MAY HAVE ORIGINATED NEAR THE SOUTHWEST BATHROOM
HOT WATER HEATER. HOWEVER NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE
OF THIS WAS ESTABLISHED.

NO CAUSE OTHER THAN ACCIDENTAL WAS
ESTABLISHED - SEE THE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENT

DISPOSITION

(Check One)

Accidental ☒Incendiary ☐Closed YESAny Arrest? NOUndetermined ☐If Y, Date: 2-26-99If Y, How Many? 0Signature of DFM: Paul Rayfield

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

SUPPLEMENTS

ARLIFE FLOWERS

DISCOVERER OF FIRE:

THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED BY ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS MS. CHARITA BASKINS. MS BASKINS TOLD THIS INVESTIGATOR SHE HEARD A POP AND SAW SMOKE AND LRP IN THE AREA OF THE REAR SOUTHWEST BATHROOM. MS. BASKINS STATED THAT HER TWO CHILDREN WERE IN THE REAR SOUTHWEST BEDROOM WHEN THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED. ALL THE OCCUPANTS ESCAPED UNHARMED.

LOLA FLOWERS:

MS. LOLA FLOWERS, WIFE OF ARLIFE FLOWERS, STATED TO CHIEF CLAY THAT SHE SUSPECTED THAT THE HOT WATER HEATER IN THE SOUTHWEST BATHROOM MAY HAVE STARTED THE FIRE. CHIEF CLAY CONTACTED THIS INVESTIGATOR FOR ASSISTANCE.

MRS. FLOWERS STATED TO THIS INVESTIGATOR THAT SHE HAD THE HOUSE FINANCED WITH THE BANK OF WINONA. MRS FLOWERS STATED THAT SHE CONTACTED FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINONA AND THAT FIDELITY STATED THAT HER INSURANCE WRITTEN WITH SAFECO HAD LAPSED FOR NON PAYMENT. THE POLICY NUMBER WAS ES7633246.

SCENE INVESTIGATION.

NO CAUSE OTHER THAN ACCIDENTAL WAS ESTABLISHED. THE FIRE APPEARS TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN THE

PAGE 1

Signature of DFM:

QEP

Date:

2-26-95

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

SUPPLEMENTS

AREA OF THE Southwest Bedroom / Bathroom
OF THE DWELLING. According to 'MS. BASKIN'S'
THE CHILDREN WERE IN THE SOUTHWEST
Bedroom at the time of the fire.

THE GAS heater in the Southwest Bedroom was
EXAMINED AND ADJUDGED TO BE IN THE GOOD
POSITION. A FLAME WAS LOCATED BEHIND THIS
HEATER. THERE WAS ALSO HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE
TO THE WALL BEHIND THE HEATER.

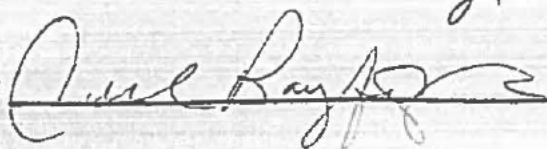
THE Southwest Bathroom WAS INSPECTED.
THIS ROOM ALSO SUSTAINED HEAVY FIRE
DAMAGE. A GAS SPACE HEATER WAS LOCATED NW
THE NORTH SIDE OF THE Bathroom. IT ADJUDGES
THIS HEATER WAS IN THE GOOD POSITION.

A GAS HOT WATER HEATER WAS LOCATED ON
THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF THE Bathroom. ALL
FIRE DAMAGE ADJUDGED TO BE HIGH ON THE
HEATER. THE CONTROLS WERE EXAMINED AT THE
BOTTOM OF THE HOTWATER HEATER. THE CONTROLS
AS WELL AS THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THE HOTWATER HEATER
SHOWED NO SIGNS OF FIRE DAMAGE.

THE PARENT AS WELL AS THE GRANDMOTHER
STATED THAT THE CHILDREN HAD NO ACCESS
TO MATCHES OR A LIGHTER. HOWEVER CHILDREN
PLAYING WITH MATCHES COULD NOT BE
ENTIRELY RULED OUT.

WHILE THE EXACT SOURCE OF IGNITION COULD NOT
BE ESTABLISHED NO CAUSE OTHER THAN ACCIDENTAL
WAS FOUND.

Signature of DFM:



Date: 2-26-99

Diagram Sheet

Name (Property Owner)

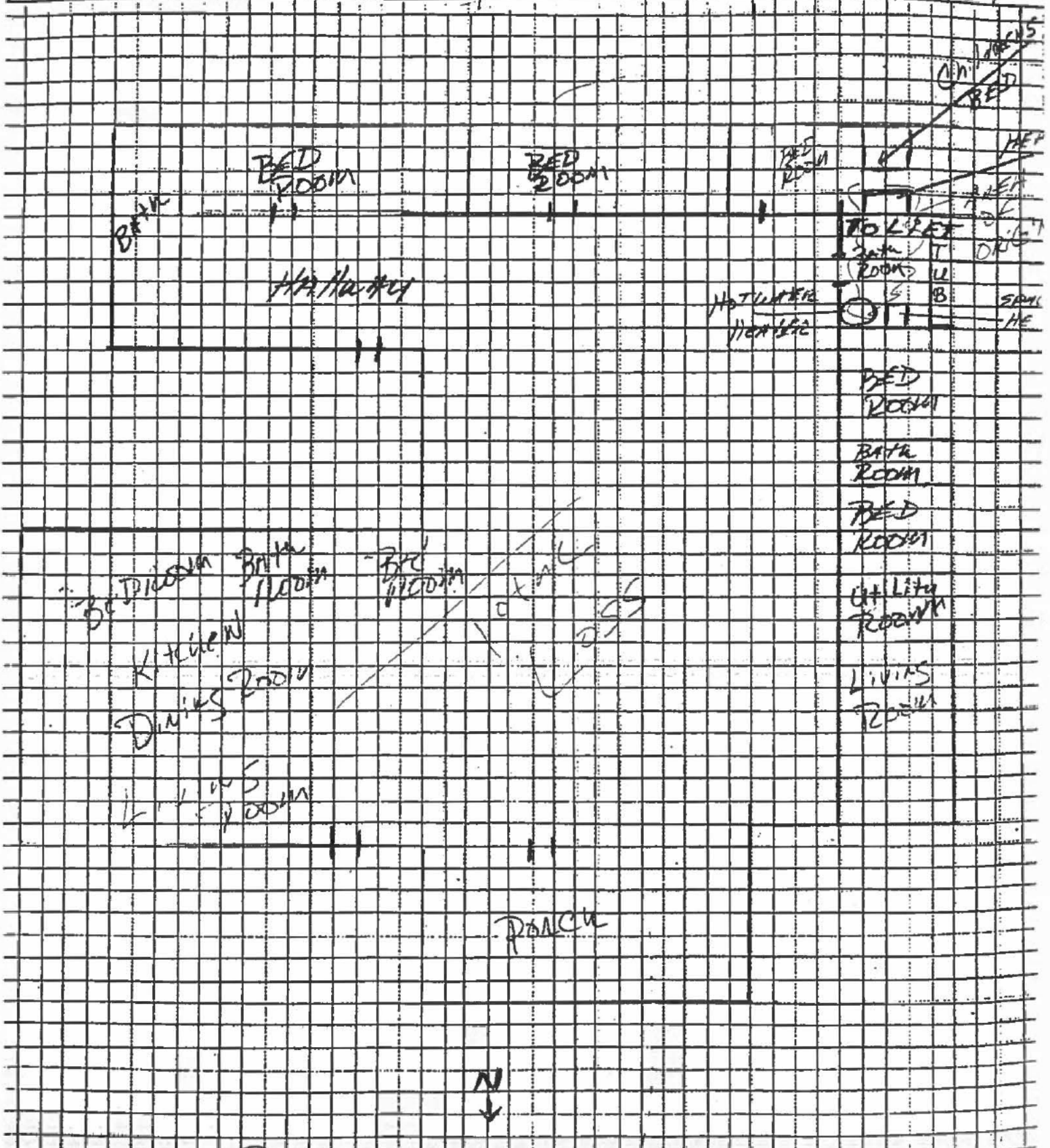
ARCHIE FLOWERS

Location

WINDANA

Identification No.

99-0109



Prepared By
Paul Rayfield

Date
2-26-99

Scale
Not to

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CONSENT TO SEARCH FORM

2-26-99

(Date)

Appleton St. Winona

(Location)

I, Archib Flowers, having

been informed of my constitutional right not to have a search made
of the premises hereinafter mentioned without a search warrant and
of my right to refuse to consent to such a search, hereby authorize

Carl Bayfield Jr.
(name of officers or agents)

, and

Brooks Clay, Dep
Fire Marshal / Fire Chief
(titles of officers or agents and name of agency)

to conduct a complete search of my premises located at

WINONA

These (officers or agents) are authorized by me to take from my
premises any letters, papers, materials or other property which they
may desire.

This written permission is being given by me to the above-
named persons voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind.

(signed)

Archib Flowers

Witnesses:

Carl Bayfield

827AM

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<u></u>	<u>BLAYLOCK</u>	<u></u>

Volunteers on Duty	
<u>R. THOMPSON</u>	<u>C. HUFFMAN</u>
<u>C. BLENES</u>	<u></u>
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Chief B. Clay
SIGNATURE



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March 19, 1999

Chief Booker Clay
Winona Fire Department
201 Applegate Street
Winona, MS 38967

Re: Archie Flowers
Case File No:99-0109

Dear Chief Clay:

On February 26, 1999, I assisted your department with an investigation into the fire that damaged the property of Archie Flowers located at [REDACTED] Winona, MS.

Based on the Fire Scene Investigation, no evidence was found to indicate the fire was intentionally set and the cause has been ruled accidental. If you would like a copy of the report, please submit a request in writing pursuant to Section 45-11-1, Mississippi Code, 1972, Annotated.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Carl Rayfield
Carl Rayfield
Deputy Fire Marshal

CR:prd

cc: Millard D. Mackey, CFI
State Chief Deputy Fire Marshal



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DATE

[NAME] Chief Booker Clay
[DEPT] WINDNA FIRE DEPT
[ADDRESS] ADDEGATE ST.
[CITY, STATE, ZIP] WINDNA, MS. 38967

RE: ARCHIE FLOWERS CASE NO. 99-0109

Dear Chief Clay:

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~~Please express our appreciation to _____ for his assistance with the Fire Scene Investigation.~~

If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Millard D. Mackey, CFI
State Chief Deputy Fire Marshal

MDM/

cc: _____

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

PHOTO MOUNTING SHEET

FILE NO. 99-0109

DATE REC. _____



OWNER: Archie Flowers

OCCUPANT: SAME AS ABOVE

ADDRESS OF FIRE: _____

WINONA

PHOTO NUMBER: 1

COMMENTS: Photo of

Front Northeast

Side of Home



OWNER: Archie Flowers

OCCUPANT: Same as Above

ADDRESS OF FIRE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Window

PHOTO NUMBER: 8

COMMENTS: Same as

Photo #7



OWNER: Archie Flowers

OCCUPANT: Same as above

ADDRESS OF FIRE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Window

PHOTO NUMBER: 14

COMMENTS: Hot water heater looking

South from ME

North